

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING COUNCIL POLICY NO. 600-5
COMMUNITY PLANS.

WHEREAS, the City Planning Department, Planning Commission and the Council of The City of San Diego have reviewed procedures regarding community plans; and

WHEREAS, the Council in conference has decided that there is a need for the establishment of a policy thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, as follows:

That a policy of The City of San Diego with respect to "Community Plans" shall be as follows:

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BACKGROUND

Community planning programs in San Diego have been initiated in the past using many different approaches tailored to the particular problems involved within the area under study. The basic differences lie between those plans which have been developed with special economic analyses prepared by private consultants and those prepared without such outside assistance. Of the former, some have been financed completely by citizens interested in a particular area. Many community plans, particularly those prepared for sparsely developed areas, have been developed using only Planning Department and City Manager's office staff without special outside economic studies financed by local residents or property owners. Prior to this date, no formal policy regarding community planning programs had been officially adopted. In the ever growing complexity of municipal functions, purposes and affairs, some guidelines are needed to guide the City in the manner and order in which comprehensive planning

services shall be provided.

PURPOSE

To indicate to the citizens that the City Council encourages the preparation of community plans for major sub-areas of the City on a cooperative basis between community citizen organizations and City staff forces.

POLICY

It is the policy of the City Council, upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, to authorize community planning and development programs and the commitment of Planning Department and City Manager personnel necessary to provide comprehensive planning services, provided:

1. That the citizens' group has established, to a reasonable degree, a formal organization structure which is capable of providing proper coordination and communications with City staff forces;
2. That said citizens' organization contains as broad a base of local representation as is feasible and practical, and it is expected that community real property owners will be active in the leadership and the formation of any such programs;
3. That said citizens' organization has an awareness of its duties and responsibilities in participating in the planning process and acknowledges a willingness to accept these responsibilities;
4. That said citizens' organization shall, in collaboration with City staff, select appropriate study area boundaries and present a tentative outline of objectives and its work program;
5. That said citizens' organization shall accept responsibility for any costs that may be incurred in the preparation of special studies (e.g., economic analyses, in-depth engineering studies, etc.)

which are beyond the normal scope of City staff planning responsibilities, but which are deemed necessary in the preparation of the community plan, except when the City Council has determined that all or part of the cost of such studies is properly an expense to be borne city-wide or may be appropriately funded from other governmental or private sources; and

6. That the proposed planning program is included in annual work programs recommended by the Planning Commission and approved by the City Council with priorities to be established primarily on the basis of community needs and city-wide significance but with due consideration for citizen interest, organization and funding of special studies outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council Secretary be, and she is hereby instructed to add the aforesaid policy to the Council Policy Manual.

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